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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 6, 2001

JOINT APPLICATION OF

WILDWOOD FOREST WATER CO., INC.

CASE NO. PUE000742

and

WILDWOOD WATER COMPANY, INC.

For authority to acquire and  
to dispose of utility assets  
pursuant to the Transfers Act  
and for certificates of public  
convenience and necessity

FINAL ORDER

On December 15, 2000, Wildwood Forest Water Co., Inc.  
("Wildwood Forest"), and Wildwood Water Company, Inc. ("Wildwood  
Water" or the "Company") (collectively, the "Applicants"),  
completed their application initially filed on October 13, 2000.  
In their application, Wildwood Forest and Wildwood Water request  
authority pursuant to the Utility Transfers Act, Chapter 5 of  
Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, for Wildwood Water to acquire  
and for Wildwood Forest to dispose of its water facility assets.  
The Applicants also request, pursuant to §§ 56-265.2 and 56-  
265.3 of the Code of Virginia, certificates of public  
convenience and necessity for Wildwood Water to acquire the  
above-referenced assets and to provide water service to the  
residents of a subdivision known as Wildwood Forest located in

Culpeper County, Virginia. In addition, the Applicants request approval of Wildwood Water's proposed rates, rules, and regulations of service.

Wildwood Water's proposed rates are the same as those currently approved for Wildwood Forest except that the Company proposes to bill its customers on a monthly instead of a semi-annual basis. The Company proposes a basic service fee of \$16.00 per month and a usage fee of \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons.<sup>1</sup> Wildwood Water proposes a late payment charge of 1 1/2% per month for bills not timely paid; a customer deposit equal to a customer's estimated liability for two months' usage; a \$6.00 bad check charge; a \$25.00 turn-on charge; and a \$15.00 meter test fee.

On January 9, 2001, the Commission issued an Order directing Applicants to give notice of their application, providing interested persons with an opportunity to comment and request a hearing, and directing its Staff to file a Report detailing the results of its investigation.

On February 26, 2001, Applicants filed proofs of notice and service. There were no comments or requests for hearing on the application.

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<sup>1</sup> The Company also proposes a \$16.00 monthly minimum service charge for vacant residences not subject to the usage fee.

On March 15, 2001, Staff filed its Report. In its Report, Staff recommended approval of the application. Staff noted that Applicants represent that there will be no rate increase within one year of the date of purchase. Staff also noted that the owner of Wildwood Water appears to have the capability, willingness, and expertise to operate the water system. Staff concluded that the proposed transfer would not jeopardize or impair the provision of adequate service to the public at just and reasonable rates. Staff also concluded that it was in the public interest for Wildwood Water to provide water service to the Wildwood Forest subdivision in Culpeper County, Virginia. Staff recommended that the Commission issue the Company a certificate of public convenience and necessity and approve its proposed rates, rules, and regulations of service.

There were no comments on Staff's Report.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the application, Staff's Report, and applicable law, is of the opinion and finds that the transfer of water utility assets should be approved pursuant to the Utility Transfers Act. We find that such transfer will not jeopardize or impair the provision of adequate water service at just and reasonable rates. We also find, pursuant to § 56-265.2, that the public convenience and necessity require us to issue Wildwood Water a certificate to acquire the water facility assets of the Wildwood Forest water

system. We believe that it is in the public interest for Wildwood Water to provide water service to the residents of the Wildwood Forest subdivision. We will grant the Company a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to § 56-265.3, and approve its proposed rates, rules, and regulations of service. We will also cancel the certificate authorizing Wildwood Forest to provide water service to the above-referenced subdivision.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Pursuant to §§ 56-89 and 56-90 of the Code of Virginia, Wildwood Forest Water Co., Inc., is hereby granted authority to dispose of the assets of the Wildwood Forest water system, as described in its application.

(2) Wildwood Water Company, Inc., is hereby authorized to acquire from Wildwood Forest the existing assets of the Wildwood Forest water system.

(3) Applicants shall submit a Report of Action to the Commission's Director of Public Utility Accounting no later than sixty (60) days after the closing of the transaction; such report shall detail the date of transfer, sales price, and accounting entries reflecting the transfer.

(4) Wildwood Forest Water Co., Inc.'s certificate of public convenience and necessity, Certificate No. W-293, is hereby cancelled.

(5) Wildwood Water Company, Inc., is hereby issued Certificate No. W-299 to provide water service to the Wildwood Forest subdivision in Culpeper County, Virginia.

(6) There being nothing further to be done, this matter is hereby dismissed from the Commission's docket of active cases.